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In re Application of :  
Winn et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/653,563 :  
Filed: 31 August, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. 5594.US.P9 :  
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This is a decision on the petition filed on 5 February, 2004,  
under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified  
application.

The Office apologizes for the delay in responding to the present  
petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned on 29 August,  
2003, for failure to timely respond to the non-final Office  
action mailed on 28 May, 2003, which set a three (3) month  
shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of the time  
for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained.  
Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 11 December, 2003.

Petitioner has filed an amendment as the required reply.

The application is being referred to Technology Center 1626 for  
further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed  
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